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FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

FOLLOWING REPEAT LIBREVILLE 1634 ACTION SECSTATE INFO YAOUNDE  
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UNCLAS LIBREVILLE 1634

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMER, GB

SUBJ: FISHING VESSELS IN PORT-GENTIL

REF: LIBREVILLE 1412 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. PORT-GENTIL PORT COMMANDANT HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY  
ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING OWNERS OF THREE FISHING VESSELS  
ORIGINALLY BELIEVED TO BE PROPERTY OF INTERNATIONAL  
PROTEIN CORPORATION (IPN) WHICH WERE LEFT BEHIND IN  
PORT-GENTIL IN AUGUST AS SECURITY FOR UNPAID MOBIL OIL  
BILLS (REFTELS).

2. COMMANDANT HAS BEEN TOLD BY SOURCE OF UNCERTAIN  
ACCURACY THAT VESSELS BELONG TO LUANDA -BASED FISHING  
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COMPANY NAMED FRIFAR, ALLEGED TO BE SUBSIDIARY OF NEW YORK

FIRM OF SAME NAME. VESSELS ARE LAILA (BEARING NUMBER 7530) AND TAHANI (NUMBERED 7162), BOTH OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY, AND TACHU (NUMBER 658), OF CA ADIAN REGISTRY.

3. EMOASSY UNABLE IDENTIFY FRIFAR FROM REFERENCE WORKS AVAILABLE HERE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP DEPARTMENT OR USDOC CAN PROVIDE. POSSIBLY IPR CAN PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON FIRM TO WHICH IT SOLD ITS ANGOLAN OPERATIONS LAST YEAR AND INDICATE WHETHER SUCCESSOR HAD ANY U.S. AFFILIATION.

4. PORT COMMANDANT ADDED THAT VALUE OF THREESSLS CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDS AMOUNT DUE TO MOBIL OIL (UNDER DOLS 7,000), SO THAT THEIR RECOVERY OWNERS SHOULD BE WELCOME. HE CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF VESSELS IF LEFT MUCH LONGER AT PORT-GENTIL, AS STORMY SEASON ISBEGINNING AND VESSELS RIDING UNATTENDED AT ANCHOR IN HARBOR.

5. FOR YAOUNDE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING ABOVE TO YOUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUES, WHO ALSO ACCREDITED HERE, IN VIEW CANADIAN REGISTRY ONE OF VESSELS CONCERNED. ANY LIGHT THEY CAN SHED ON OWNERSHIP WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. STEIGMANH  
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